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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

DIGGLE ET AL.

Examiner

Phong H. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6 and 8-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-3, 6-10, 21 and 23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 11-16 and 22 in the reply filed on 11/18/2005 is acknowledged.

Double Patenting

2. The Double patenting rejection in the Office action dated on 05/26/2005 is withdrawn since the amended claims 1-3, 6 and 8-23 are patentably distinct from claims 1-23 of Application No. 10/718,460 and claims 1-12 of Application No. 10/695,573.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 11-16 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Griffin (1,395,957).

Regarding claim 11, Griffin teaches saw comprising a blade 10, a handle 12 having a cutting holder 15 and a cutting guide 17. The cutting guide 17 has a leading edge, a trailing edge, an opening (where a lead portion of the pencil is housed) and an engagement portion (where the cutting guide 17 contacts the cutting guide holder 15). The cutting guide holder has a plurality of raised portions (vertical portions of the cutting guide holder 15). See Figs. 1 and 2.

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Regarding claim 12, see Fig. 1.

Regarding claim 13, the raised portions are made of metal.

Regarding claim 14, the raised portions are attached to the handle on each lateral side of the handle. See Fig. 2.

Regarding claim 15, the raised portions are considered to be molded into the handle since they fit the contours of the handle.

Regarding claim 16, the raised portions are capable of engaging a groove in the cutting guide.

Regarding claim 22, the raised portions are flexible and capable of engaging a groove in the cutting guide.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 08/08/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Griffin does not show all the new limitations. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. All the new limitations are anticipated by Griffin as shown above.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phong H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4510. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

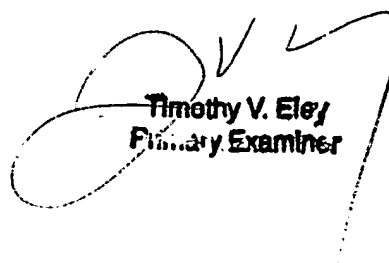
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